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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of U.S. Army Specialist Norman Cain III of Mount Morris, formerly of Freeport, who was killed in action near Kot in eastern Afghanistan on March 15, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Spc. Norman Cain III was born on November 23, 1986 in Madison, Wisconsin; he was the son of Norman L. and Lisa Wise) Cain Jr.; he married the love of his life, Brigette Peterson, on July 3, 2008 in Mount Morris; and

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WHEREAS, He was a graduate of Freeport High School; after high school, he attended the Highland Community College Auto Mechanics School; and

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WHEREAS, He joined the Illinois National Guard on July 27, 2007; after completing basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he served his country with pride and distinction as a member of Company D, 1st Battalion of the 178th Infantry Division based out of Woodstock; he was mobilized with the 1st Battalion to Afghanistan on August 21, 2008, where he served with the SECFOR Platoon in support of the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Nangarhar; and

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1 WHEREAS, He was well known by his fellow soldiers as the
2 "spark" of his squad and a man who could always be counted
3 upon; and

4 WHEREAS, He was the recipient of numerous awards and
5 decorations for his meritorious service, including the NATO
6 Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star),
7 the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism
8 Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with device, the
9 Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon; and

10 WHEREAS, He enjoyed working on cars, playing darts, and
11 picking on his brothers and sisters; he also enjoyed playing
12 his special music tape, which included Montgomery Gentry's
13 "Lucky Man"; his greatest joy in his life, however, was his
14 family; and

15 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his paternal
16 grandfather, Norman Cain Sr.; his paternal great-grandparents;
17 and his maternal great-grandfather; and

18 WHEREAS, He is survived by his wife, Brigitte; his parents,
19 Norman L. (Tina) Cain Jr. and Lisa (Mark) Otto; his son, Toryn
20 Cain; his step-daughter, Fallon Spielman; his paternal
21 grandmother, JoAnn Cain; his maternal grandmother, Pamela
22 Wise; his maternal great-grandmothers, Delta Mooney and Reva

1 Wise; his brothers, Zachery Otto and Michael and Andrew Bower;
2 his sisters, Breeana Otto and Courtney Bower; and his nephew,
3 Ayden Shores; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of U.S.
7 Army Specialist Norman Cain III; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Specialist Norman
9 Cain III and his willingness to serve our country, which led to
10 him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Specialist Norman Cain III as an
13 expression of our sympathy.